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"Christmas in Elba" event deemed a huge success

The Christmas holiday season officially began last week in Elba when two organizations combined their events to celebrate "Christmas in Elba."

The coffeehouse is described as a place that gives the community somewhere to meet, greet and do things on the square. Last week's crafts bazaar also was considered a fundraiser for the coffeehouse.

The majority of the vendors for the crafts bazaar were local people, and all seemed delighted by the response they received.

The crafts bazaar held at Just Folk Coffeehouse, located on the square in downtown Elba, during the "Christmas in Elba" event offered local artists an opportunity to highlight and sell their works.



Many folks utilized their time at the "Christmas in Elba" crafts bazaar to catch up with friends while having a cup of coffee.



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Cuts expected to be costly Proration challenges local school systems

by Fern Cox, Publisher

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| Year | Proration |
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| 1950 | 4.80% |
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| 1957 | 2.76% |
| 1958 | 7.82% |
| 1959 | 3.54% |
| 1960 | 8.35% |
| 1961 | 14.14% |
| 1979 | 2.98% |
| 1980 | 6.14% |
| 1981 | 3.57% |
| 1983 | 10.0% |
| 1986 | 4.21% |
| 1987 | 5.00% |
| 1991 | 6.50% |
| 1992 | 3.00% |
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| 2003 | 4.41% |

*These years ended at 0% proration.



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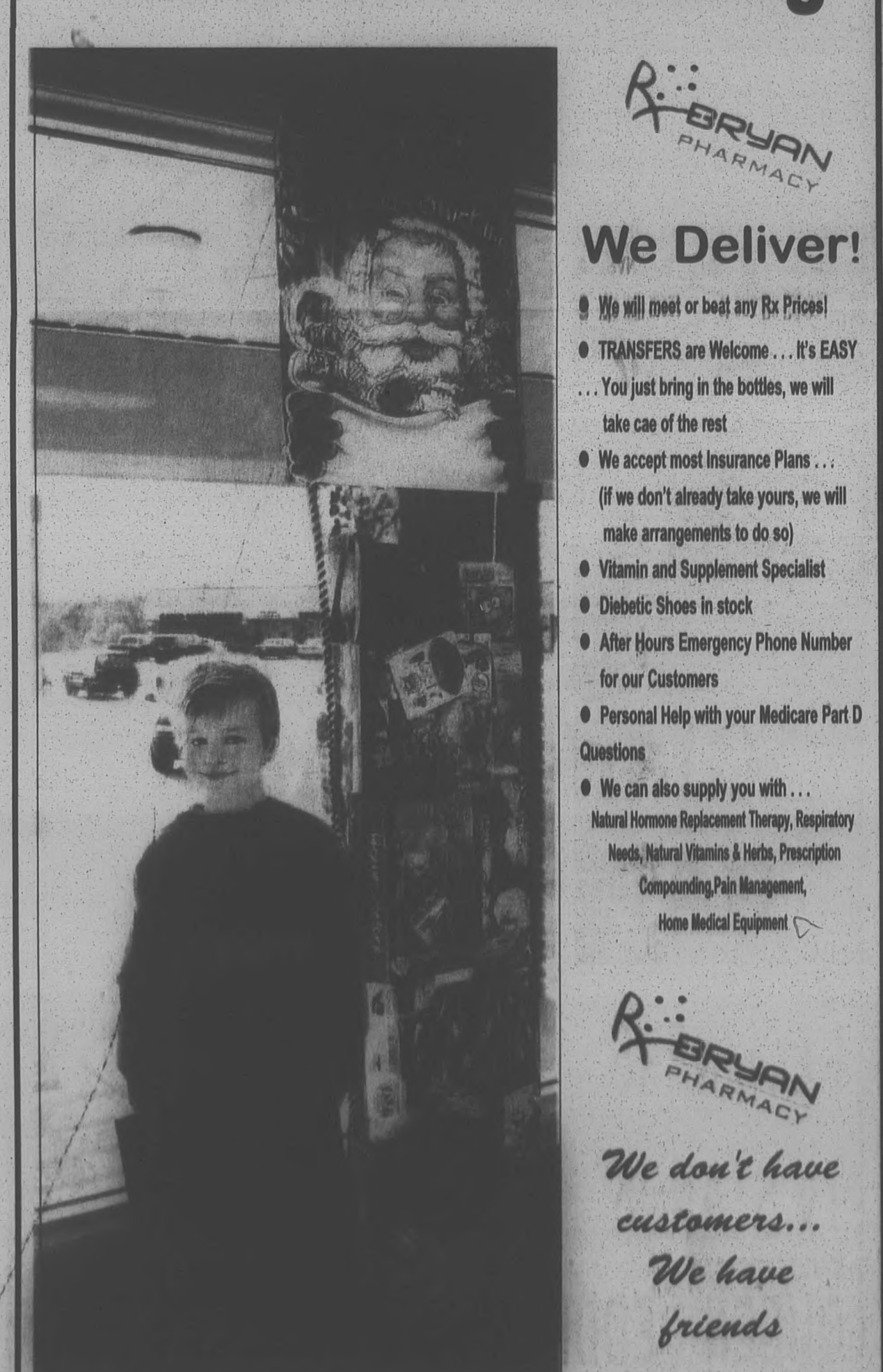
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Payne Bryan shows off the massive stocking to be given away at the pharmacy before Christmas.

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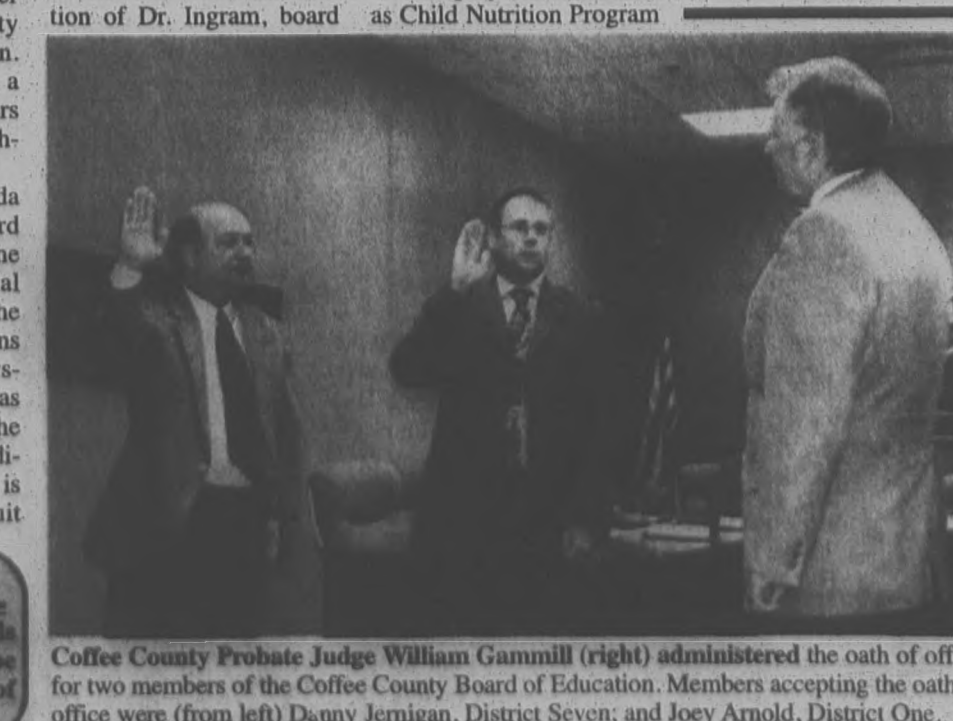
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THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24, through Friday, Dec. 26, in observance of the Christmas holiday. There will be standby crews for any emergencies with electric, water, street or sewer. To report any emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2351. The garbage truck will be running the usual schedule each day.

THE ELBA CLIPPER OFFICE will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24, and Thursday, Dec. 25, in observance of the Christmas holiday. The newspaper will be published by mail each day. The Elba Police Department and Social News will be open for business Dec. 19, at 3 p.m. All other news and advertising will be due Monday, Dec. 22, at Noon.

REMINDER
Coffee County Board of Education members accepting the oath of office were (from left) Danny Jernigan, District Seven; and Joey Arnold, District One.



EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Fern Cox

University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Madison is training its new doctors in how to deal with obesity. Their course preaches that if children are taught benefits as youngsters, doctors will not have to re-educate, then put them on weight loss diets, etc., as adults. That sounds good but it will be generations before it becomes a proven fact. Meanwhile parents will have to continually keep up with the latest research to know what is best for their children. Things are already changing. Rarely do we hear of children being told to "eat everything on your plate, little children in China are starving." Of course, as you would expect, this hard head has been known to suggest that Mother send those English Peas, green beans and other vegetables to the Chinese. Hint to your youngsters, ... don't try that tactic, it only causes more problems for you!

The economic news from across the nation continues to be bad. The stock market is low and continues to jump up and down like a Jumping-Jack. President Elect Obama will have his hands full, even with naming experienced people to his cabinet. A couple of weeks ago we suggested he read the Abe Lincoln book about his ups and downs with appointing his former opponents for office as his trusted secretaries. Over the weekend we read that he has indeed consumed that interesting and detailed story of Lincoln's problems and successes that can be attributed to that move. Now we can only hope that what to us was personal enjoyment of the book can be converted by Obama into instant experience as he continues to flesh out his cabinet, former opponents, Republicans, etc.

In spite of the bad economic news all across the nation, Elba sales taxes continue to hold steady, according to Elba city officials. That is refreshing news but not reason to throw a celebration party, not yet anyway. It may mean sales were already too low in Elba or that the other shoe will fall here after all other parts of the country are on the fast track to recovery.

The rain last week was the heaviest we have seen in some time. It was enough to get many Elba folks worried, or at least watchful. Of course most rain gauges reported seven to eight inches of rain but at least one TV station was reporting 13 inches had fallen in Elba. That and reports of "flood stage" were enough to justly cause concern with anyone who has been personally involved in flooding and seen the damages it can cause.

Sparks encourages
Alabamians to buy
"Christmas" trees
grown in Alabama

Agriculture and Industries Commissioner Roy Sparks encourages Alabamians who celebrate Christmas to go out and buy a tree from an Alabama Christmas tree farm this holiday season.

"Some of the best Christmas trees, such as pine and cypress, are grown right here in Alabama," said Sparks. "There is nothing like the smell and appearance of a fresh from the farm Christmas tree to get you in the holiday spirit."

Sparks also wants to make sure that everyone uses appropriate safety precautions when displaying their Christmas tree to ensure a safe holiday season. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), one-tenth of one percent of all residential fires occurring in the United States result from Christmas trees, both real and artificial.

Although the percentage of risk may seem small, the damage from a house fire can be devastating when it happens, and simple safety precautions can be taken to prevent tragedy during the holidays.

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(News Taken From Past Editions of The Elba Clipper)

10 Years Ago

Kaye M. Whitworth named executive director of Elba Chamber of Commerce - The Elba Chamber of Commerce has named Kaye M. Whitworth as its new executive director. Kaye, a native of Elba, recently retired from the State of Alabama having worked with the Coffee County Health Department since 1973. She is married to Ronnie Whitworth and has the mother of two children, Jamie and Kayron.

Elba native Brad English promoted to associate ad manager by APA - Former Elba resident Brad English has been promoted to associate advertising manager at Alabama Press Association, a promotion from senior marketing representative, a position he assumed in 1997. Also, the Birmingham Media Club honored English as newspaper sales representative of the year, a statewide honor.

20 Years Ago

Judge Brunson Receives Donation From Former Elba Native - An Elba native now living in Indiana recently made a donation to the citizens of Coffee County that will be placed in the Coffee County Courthouse, in Elba, and according to Probate Judge Marion Brunson, "The gift will be one that will be loved by all county residents for years to come." The gift, a water color painting of the courthouse, was painted and donated to the county by Carolyn Wilson Johnson, a graduate of Elba High School, now living in Carmel, Indiana, with her husband and three children.

New Arrivals: Jonathan Bradford Sullivan - Mr. and Mrs. Scottie Sullivan of Elba announce the birth of their son, Jonathan Bradford, on Nov. 30, 1988, at 6:43 p.m. at Flowers Hospital, Dothan. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mickey McCollough and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sullivan of Elba.

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The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, December 8, 2008, investigated the following incidents: three for theft of property, one burglary, one domestic dispute, one harassing communications, one private property accident, one house fire and one domestic violence.

Arrest made during the week included: one for failure to appear.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for speeding, one for a revoked driver's license, one for possession of an open container in a vehicle, one for livestock at large and one for no insurance.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 - Burglary (not in progress) reported at 2251 Old Custer Rd. (8:08 a.m.); Minor two-vehicle wreck reported on Rebecca Lane (8:46 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 417 Cordelia (9:30 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1172 County Rd. 201 (10:23 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Adkinson St. (9:10 p.m.).

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 - Possible domestic disturbance reported at the corner of Putnam and Plant (7:13 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10 - Coffee

County EMS dispatched to 1340 Reese Ave. (9:56 p.m.); River reading 10.15 ft. (11:00 a.m.); River reading 14.30 ft. (1:00 p.m.); River reading 16.67 ft. (3:20 p.m.); River reading 18.65 ft. (6:35 p.m.); River reading 19.24 ft. (7:33 p.m.); River reading 20.03 ft. (9:03 p.m.).

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11 - River reading 20.52 ft. (12:37 a.m.); River reading 21.0 ft. (7:32 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1331 Neil Graham Dr. (9:36 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at Cook Chevrolet (9:46 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Elba High School (10:53 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 745 Lee St. (8:41 p.m.).

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a trailer fire at 824 First Ave. (7:58 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the scene of the trailer fire (7:58 a.m.); Minor two-vehicle wreck reported at Cook Chevrolet (9:46 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Elba High School (10:53 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 745 Lee St. (8:41 p.m.).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1340 Reese Ave. (6:04 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a vehicle fire at the Ranch House (9:57 a.m.); Minor two-vehicle wreck reported at Davis and Yelverton (9:14 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dis-

patched to 825 Putnam St. (7:41 p.m.); Fight reported at 1241 Farris Ave. (10:24 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 615 Jackson (10:30 p.m.).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 - Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (7:50 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at Beaver Dam Apts. (8:05 p.m.).

cast. He had just played another ball game and had not performed to his standards of excellence. To top that off, his father, Mack, was his coach and the prospects of facing him did little to relieve the situation. But good news awaited Wood as he stepped through the front door at home that night. It came from the words written on a hastily prepared sign - "Yea, Alabama! Yea, Russ Wood!" Translation was not needed. Wood, just another prep player from the state of his senior season had become the recipient of a University of Alabama scholarship, joining 20 or so other prospects making pledges to the Crimson Tide.

40 Years Ago

Elba Band Needs Money For Trip - The Elba band will travel to Montgomery on December 28th to appear in the annual Blue-Grey classic. Money is necessary to pay for this trip and anyone wishing to make a contribution need only contact school and band officials. Several band booster members are also working on this project.

Grandson of Elba Man Signs Football Grant - Mickey Hudson, Bay Minette High School football star, signed a grant-in-aid with Southern Mississippi. The signing took place in Mobile, Saturday, December 14. Those present for the signing were Lyle Underwood, Bay Minette Coach; Doug

30 Years Ago

Opp Man Killed in Grinding Collision - An early morning traffic accident claimed the life of one of the drivers Wednesday morning at the intersection of Highway 87 South and 134 West (Samson Highway and Opp-Enterprise Highway at Junior Kelley's store).

Card of Thanks

Lamar and Lin Kelley would like to express their sincere appreciation to their dear friends for the Turkey Shoot Benefit. Thank you for your thoughts, cards, prayers, gifts, and friendship.

Sincerely, Lamar and Lin Kelley

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December 24, 2008

5:30 p.m.

Covenant Community Church

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on this silent and holy night!

Dress informal. All ages welcome.

Each family is invited to bring a candle and holder to service.

Worship with us This Sunday at 10 a.m.

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DOT officials
announce road
work in Enterprise

The Alabama Department of Transportation informs the traveling public that W.S. Newell & Sons, Incorporated, began work Tuesday, Dec. 16, on constructing additional lanes (Grade, Drainage, Pavement and Signals) on SR-192 from SR-27 to SR-167 in Enterprise.

The length of the project is approximately 1.865 miles. The contractor will begin placing construction signs on Dec. 16. The grading, drainage, pavement and signal operations will not begin until all construction signs have been erected.

The contractor will furnish adequate signs, flag persons, and all necessary traffic control devices to protect workers and the traveling public. The traveling public is urged to slow down, obey all posted speed limits and warning signs, and use extreme caution while the project is under construction.

Any inquiries concerning the work should be directed to:

Gary Oxendine, Project Superintendent, W.S. Newell & Sons, Inc., Telephone Number, (251) 370-2392 or (334) 303-4279

Patrick Henderson, District Manager, ALDOT, Telephone Number (334) 347-8166

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Obituaries

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CHURCH NEWS



Shown in photo from left to right are: Agnes Wilson, Henrietta Grimes, and Kaye Clark. Over 75 years ago a tradition began in Coffee Baptist Churches to bake cakes for the Alabama Baptist Children's Home at Christmastime. Thus the name "Coffee Cakes" came to be. This year 325 cakes (including cookies and candies) were distributed to children homes and foster homes throughout the state of Alabama.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Danny Bynum
Pastor of Basin Baptist Church

Last night I went to bed with Matthew 19:26 on my mind. It says, "With men this is impossible, with God all things are possible." Have you ever faced a task and when looking at it with our human's eyes, say there is no way it will ever be accomplished? Yet the bible asks us, "Is there anything too hard for God?"

Basin Baptist Church voted last month to move forward with remodeling our sanctuary. After the reality had set in, and because of the economy, our human nature made us doubt if we were doing the right thing. Some of us began to have cold feet. Yet, I learned from the congregation of Basin Baptist Church what a mighty God we serve. These people are just amazing by the faith they are revealing. It's the type of faith that God will honor. They reminded me, "If we just believe all things are possible, then our dreams will become a reality."

This Christmas season no matter what the economy looks like, just believe in Jesus, and you will see your dream become a reality. I encourage you to find a church where you can go with your family to worship the Lord.

Elba United Methodist Church Announces Advent Christmas Schedule

Dec. 21- Advent Worship 10 a.m.
Service of Advent Scriptures & Carols 8 p.m.
Dec. 22-23 Live Manger Scene (In Front of Church)
Dec. 24 - Come and Go Holy Communion 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

The Elba United Methodist Church Invites and Welcomes You to Attend These Events

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| IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN | DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Hubert McWaters Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m. | FAMILY Sund Wed |
| ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala. Rev. Richard Thoms, Sr. Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m. | DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. J. H. Morgan, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m. | CONG Sund Wed |
| ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m. | ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH Bernard Strickland, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m. | FAITH Sund Wed |
| BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Danny Bynum, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m. | ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Phillip Bos, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:15 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m. | DR Sund Wed |
| BETHLEHEM AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Elders Phillip Cooper, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Tue. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m. | ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Rev. David Tuffeek Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m. | FRIE Sund Wed |
| BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Darryl Caldwell, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m. | ELBA CHURCH OF PROPHETS Rev. David Tuffeek Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m. | GOD Sund Wed |
| BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH Dr. Tony Dye, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Disciple Team... 5:30 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. | ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m. | GRE Sund Wed |
| BLISS SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Tami Seem, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m. | ELBA IN ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor Rev. Billy Beale Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m. | HAR Sund Wed |
| BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. | ELBA IS BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Stanley Cane, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 9:00 a.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m. | HAM Sund Wed |
| CHRISTY GROW METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Martha Barber Church Service... 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays | ELBA LUTHERAN METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Stanley Cane, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m. | HAN Sund Wed |
| CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST E. H. Hill, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays | ELBAZON BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Stanley Cane, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:30 p.m. | INO Sund Wed |
| COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Mark Gray, Pastor Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Worship... 9:45 a.m. Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) 6:00 p.m. | FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:30 p.m. | JACK Sund Wed |

Newbia Baptist Church choir to present annual Christmas Cantata December 21st

Newbia Baptist Church, located on Coffee County Road 330, will present its annual Christmas cantata Sunday, Dec. 21, at 5 p.m. Following this special service, finger foods will be served in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Adult Choir at Kinston First Baptist Church will give their Cantata this Sunday, December 21

First Baptist Church of Kinston's Adult Choir will present their Cantata on Sunday, December 21 at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

First Baptist Church of Elba is offering Beth Moore study on Book of Daniel

First Baptist Church of Elba will start a Beth Moore Bible Study on the Book of Daniel. Edelle Warren will lead this study and will start Monday, Jan. 5 at 1 p.m. If any ladies in

Catholics Returning Home program to be offered by St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 123 Heath Street, Enterprise, will be conducting their 3rd year of a program, Catholics Returning Home. Six sessions will be held on Sunday evenings, beginning on Jan. 4 in Room 9 at St. John's from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. These sessions are for inactive Catholics, who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Catholic Church. The six sessions will include: Welcome and Overview of the Program;

Newbia Baptist Church to hold New Year's Eve "Watch Night Service"

Newbia Baptist Church, located on County Road 330, will hold a New Year's Eve "Watch Night Service" Wednesday, Dec. 31, beginning at 10 p.m. After bringing in the New Year, the Brotherhood will serve breakfast shortly after midnight in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

Special Christmas Program planned at Mt. Zion Baptist Church for December 21st

Everyone is invited to attend the Christmas program, "Jesus Christ is the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever" at Mt. Zion Baptist Church (Mixon Crossroads) on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 6 p.m.

Worship in the Church of Your Choice This Sunday!

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| PATH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Phillip Nelson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m. | KINSTON 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Stewart Young Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m. | NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Pastor W. K. Ellison, Pastor Morn. Worship... 9:00 a.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m. Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m. | YANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH Pastor Rev. Roy L. Turner Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m. |
| 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD-KINSTON Darryl Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m. | LIVING WORD CHURCH Dorinda Simmons, Pastor Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Youth Service... 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m. | NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Wayne Webber Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m. | VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH Dennis Mather, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:45 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m. |
| LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. | NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m. | PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Elmer Ellis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m. | VICTORY TABERNACLE Shirley Bell & Doug Lawson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m. |
| GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH Overseer: Rev. Billy Beasly Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m. | LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m. | NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Elbert Smith, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Bible Study... 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m. | WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Todd M. Smith, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m. |
| GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Willie L. Patterson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night... 6:00 p.m. | HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night... 6:00 p.m. | NEW EMBASSY BAPTIST CHURCH Dennis Delmar, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m. | WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Kenneth Hagler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m. |
| HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m. | MC GLEAD BAPTIST CHURCH Fred Fowler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night... 6:00 p.m. | SHADY GROVE A.M.E. CHURCH Rev. F. L. Flowers, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m. | WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Don Perkins, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m. |
| HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m. | MC OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH J. E. Tulin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m. | SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Joe Parviz, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m. | WOOLLEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Dr. Paul Kendrick, Interim Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m. |
| ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor Rev. Billy Beasly Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m. | MC GLEAD BAPTIST CHURCH Donald Ash, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting... 7:00 p.m. | TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Rev. Lamar Dean Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m. | ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Dr. Paul Kendrick, Interim Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. |
| ELBA 2nd ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor Rev. Billy Beasly Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m. | MC OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Larry Collins, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m. | TRUMPET THE CHURCH & KINGDOM OF GOD IN CHRIST Rev. Jerry Long, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m. | ZION COMMUNITY CHURCH John James, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m. |
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| ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m. | JACKSON ASSEMBLY OF GOD Rev. Andy Melton, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:15 p.m. | | |

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Round and About With Eria 897-2006



Theo Johnson

Theo Johnson-ordained an Elder

On Sunday, December 14, 2008 Theo Johnson was ordained an Elder at the First United Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America in Birmingham, Ala. Theo is the son of Otis and Joyce (Belcher) Johnson. Otis is an elder and Joyce is a Minister at the Hopewell C.P. Church in Leighton, Ala.

Theo is the grandson of Eria L. Belcher, Elba and Catherine Johnson, Leighton. Relatives and friends of Theo's attending the Ordination service were: Eria Belcher, and Ernestine Kelley, Elba, Wiley and Juanita Brooks, Enterprise, Ala.; Ida Kings, Leighton; Kathy Johnson and Kamika Belcher, Atlanta, Ga.; Joe Bailey, Leighton; Amanda Plain, (U.A.B.) Tameka Carter, Birmingham.

Theo is married to the former Nyeshia Carter and they are expecting their first child in April of next year.

More Eria.....

SCRIPTURE: 1 Timothy 1:1-20
(In Memory Of) Kimberly McBride - December 20, Debbie Bright - December 21, Pamela Y. Mitchell - December 21, Ben and Cynthia Rayborn - December 20 (Wedding Anniversary)

Thinking of you, praying for you: Versie Cole, J.L. Williams, Nyeshia Carter Johnson, Patti M. Culver, Lovine Hooks, Naomi Smith, Maria Tillis

Today is a good day! Be grateful. Eria

Deadline For Church News Is Monday!

LIFESTYLES

"A Night in Bethlehem" will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20 at Westview Assembly of God Church, Opp, Ala. from 6 pm - 9 pm. Those attending will

fresh bread and honey, talk with the gatekeepers, the tax collector, the High Priest and the shop traders. Attendees will also listen to the shepherds tell their experience. Cookies and hot spiced apple cider will be available.

The director is Charlotte Spurlin and the pastor is Phillip Kayburn.

Troy University Symphony Band releases "Whispers on the Wind"

The Troy University Symphony Band has recorded a new CD entitled, "Stormworks Chapter 13: Whispers on the Wind," which marks the band's second collaboration with internationally renowned composer Stephen Melillo. Ralph Ford, Director of Bands at Troy University, said the Symphony Band began recording "Whispers on the Wind" last May and the project was completed in October. The CD will be released this month.

"The CD is reminiscent of the old Hollywood orchestras of the 1930s and 1940s," Ford said. "It's a powerful sound. We studied how they achieved that sound and then we added electronic instruments and synthesizers to our wind instruments and percussion."

The centerpiece of the CD is called "Last World Standing," which Melillo describes as a "culminating work" more than 30 minutes in the making.

Ford said the 35-minute "Last World Standing" incorporates pre-recorded tracks, traditional symphonic band music, vocalists, dance and graphic imaging. "It was an outstanding experience for the members of our symphony band to perform with Stephen Melillo," Ford said.



Kendallyn Marie Lawford

Kendallyn Marie Lawford celebrates 3rd birthday

Kendallyn Marie Lawford, daughter of Kevin and Maria Lawford, turned 3 years old on September 19, 2008. She had a beautiful pink "Ballerina" themed birthday party at her home with many friends and relatives. Kendallyn was dressed in an embroidered "birthday girl" ballerina outfit and a pink tutu. Each little girl was given a pink ballerina charm bracelet as she arrived. Kendallyn and her friends enjoyed dancing to birthday tunes and playing Pin the Tatu on the ballerina.

The cake was a two-tier pink and lavender with edible ballet slippers adorning the top. The slippers' laces streamed down the cake spelling out Kendallyn's name. Pink punch and a variety of chips, dips, and veggies was also served and a pink ballet slipper pinata filled with chocolates helped to decorate the table. As guests left, the girls were given pink tuttle goody bags of flavored lip gloss and ballerina slipper shaped soap. Kendallyn has one brother, Kaeden. Grandparents are Dennis and Susan Lawford, Debra Coon Rivera and Simon Rivera, Jr. Great grandparents are Carolyn Stokes, Nell and Leroy Lawford and Betty Coon.

James Kaeden Lawford celebrated his first birthday party with friends and family at his home with parents, Maria and Kevin Lawford, and sister, Kendallyn, here in Elba. He began several days before with dinner at Monterey's Mexican restaurant on his birthday Oct. 18, 2008.

Then that weekend mom and dad pulled out all the stops with a "Noah and the Ark" theme birthday party. There were balloons everywhere with lots of toys, d'vores and punch. The birthday cake was a 3 tier cake with animals on the lower layers and the brown ark on top. As the guests were enjoying their refreshments, Kaeden proceeded to open his many presents finding that his favorite part of the day was opening "more and more" gifts!

Of all the gifts and clothes, one toy got his full attention. A whole bag of all assorted sized balls came rolling out from his "G.G." presents and bounced balls everywhere.

Kaeden is the brother of Kendallyn and son of Maria and Kevin Lawford of Elba. He is the grandson of Dennis and Susan Lawford and Debra Coon Rivera, all of Elba and Simon Rivera, Jr. of San Antonio, TX. Great-grandparents are Betty Coon, Carolyn Stokes, and Nell and Leroy Lawford, all of Elba.

MaChis Indian Tribe to hold general membership meeting

Church service begin at 1:00 PM and the tribal meeting begins at 2:00 PM. Attendees are urged to bring a covered dish while the tribe will furnish drinks, ice, plates, and eating utensils. Subjects to be discussed are the Pow Wow, distribution of Christmas stockings to children and scholarship applications will be distributed to qualified students only.

Those planning to attend are asked to notify the tribal office with information on how many children they are bringing, include age and sex.

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The City of Elba annually held its annual Christmas party at the Elba Recreation Center. During this time, several employees were honored for their years of service to the City. Being honored for five years of service was Jason

Mr. & Mrs. L. P. Hussey to be honored with Anniversary Celebration

Because you have shared in their lives with your love and friendship, Lucile, Jason and Denise request your presence to join in the celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of their parents, L.P. and Sylvia Hussey.

The reception will be Saturday, December 20, 2008 at the Zion Chapel Senior Center, Hwy. 87, Jack, Ala. from 2:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

No gifts please, your presence will be their gift.



Pictured 1 to r: Louise Hudson, Janine Coles, Marlene Willis and Doris Mallory

The Magnolia Garden Club holds December meeting at Elba Nursing Home

The Magnolia Home and Garden Club met at the Elba Nursing Home on December 4 where they decorated the Christmas tree for the patients and enjoyed a visit with those in the community dining room. Members present were Janine Coles, Louise Hudson, Doris Mallory, Ann Miles, and Marlene Willis. Later they met at Ann Miles home for a Christmas brunch. The next meeting will be on January 8 at the home of Janine Coles. Jimmy Harrison will present a program on Preparation. Anyone interested may attend this meeting by contacting Janine Coles or Miriam Farris.



RECENTLY, DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, PSI CHAPTER of Coffee County collected Bears for Babies as one of their state projects. Delta Kappa Gamma is an International Society of women educators. The purpose of DKG is to unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship, and honor those who have given service in the field of education.

The Psi Chapter collected over 30 bears and donated them to Elba General Hospital. These bears will be distributed to sick children over the holidays. Pictured above (1 to r): Sharon Sasser - President, Danni Pritchard, Kathryn Watson, Lisa Smith - 2nd Vice President, Kelly Cobb - 1st Vice President

Camden Moore celebrates his fourth birthday recently

Camden Lamar Moore, son of Randle Jr. and Sonya Moore of Kinston, had his fourth birthday on Oct. 9, 2008.

He celebrated with all his friends at Miss Becky's Kinder Kollege with cupcakes and lots of fun playing with all his friends and Miss Crystal.

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If your name appears on this list you are advised to IMMEDIATELY contact the Coffee County Board of Registrars for information on updating your voter registration information. You must update your voter registration record no later than December 31, 2008.

IF YOUR NAME APPEARS ON THIS LIST AND YOU DO NOT UPDATE YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION RECORD BY THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 31, 2008 YOUR NAME WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE COUNTY VOTER LIST.

IF YOUR NAME IS REMOVED FROM THE COUNTY VOTER LIST YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A NEW APPLICATION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION BEFORE YOU WILL BE PERMITTED TO VOTE IN ANY ELECTION IN COFFEE COUNTY.

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VIEWS FROM....

THE PRESSBOX

BY RICKY MULARZ, SPORTS EDITOR

The Mularz house is all decorated for the holidays and while I will admit the lights and decorations are pretty, I make certain I don't forget to turn them all off every night before I go to bed. After all, I don't plan on giving the city's Water and Electric Department an expensive Christmas present when the light bill arrives the week after Christmas!

For what it is worth....

*** The Elba Tigers and Lady Tigers both posted wins last week and are showing signs of improving every time they hit the court. The Tigers defeated Opp in the Andalusia Christmas Tournament to improve its record to 3-4 and had a chance to knock off 6A neighbor Enterprise, only to miss by two many fine throws in a close battle. The Lady Tigers posted a win over Pike County to move their record to 2-4 and appear to be coming together, which could mean many more wins as the season rolls along. While the records may not show it, both teams have the potential to make some noise this season on the hardwood.

*** A look around the area finds the New Brockton Gamecocks and Brantley Bulldogs continuing their early season success. The Gamecocks posted three wins last week against only one loss as their record moved to 7-2 and it is easy to see they are a team to watch, while the Bulldogs were disappointed with their second place finish in a tourney at Straughn, but did post two wins as they rallied from a 21-point deficit in one game and a 15-point deficit in another. Kinston got a win over McKenzie in the tournament and is no doubt a team to keep an eye on, and Zion Chapel battled hard for all four quarters against Reeltown and are getting better and better. Over on the girls' side of the ledger the news isn't as exciting, but all the area teams are fun to watch. Brantley has one of the top young players in the state in Eisha Person and is always a threat no matter the opponent, while New Brockton has already equaled its win total for the past two years, Zion Chapel plays hard and can win on any given night and Kinston is very young, but is improving and will surprise some folks as the season progresses. If you are a high school basketball fan you don't have to drive far to see some exciting action.

*** Auburn's pick of Gene Chizik for its head football coach didn't satisfy a lot of Tiger fans, but from where I sit it looks like a solid move and the best choice left on the board after having many top coaches say no. Auburn's defense was highly successful as a defensive coordinator during his first stay on the Plains, and even though his teams went 5-19 at Iowa State and struggled to a 2-10 record this past season, he is a strict disciplinarian and should bring pride back to the Auburn family. Keep the faith Auburn fans, I believe it is a great pick.

*** When Alabama takes the field in a few weeks at the Sugar Bowl the Crimson Tide will have seven alumni on its roster. The Tide had a total of nine seniors on this year's team, and seven have already graduated, including center Antoine Caldwell, who has earned a degree in Human Environmental Science and another degree in Financial Planning. Another graduate was Nick Walker, of Brundidge, who carried the Pike County banner high throughout his days at the Capstone.

*** The New Orleans Bowl will have an Elba flavor next weekend with at least three Elba High grads on the field. Troy has Derrick Thomas and Chase Boutwell on its roster, while Southern Miss has Elba grad Todd McCall on its staff as head athletic trainer. That's a lot of country boys to let loose on the Big Easy on the same weekend.

*** In closing.... As high schools across the state and nation feel the financial crunch hitting the co-ed center, many have turned to tournaments as a way of adding to its bank accounts. Last week tournaments were held at Andalusia and Straughn, while upcoming events are set for Luverne and Red Level. Elba hosted a junior high tourney a few weeks back, but hasn't hosted a high school event since the Dairy Queen Classic of years ago and apparently would rather wait for a tournament than host one. C'mon guys, it is time for Elba to join the action and host a tournament.

26th annual Prep Holiday Classic set for Dec. 27-31 at Ozark Civic Center

The pairings for the 26th annual Progress/Dothan Eagle/Southern Star Holiday Prep Classic were released last week and included in the sixteen-team field were the Elba Tigers.

The Tigers, which evened their record at 3-3 last week, will open play on Saturday, Dec. 27, at 9:30 PM when they take the court to oppose the Luverne Tigers in the final game on the schedule on day two of the five-day event held at the Ozark Civic Center. Following is the complete tournament schedule:

FRIDAY, DEC. 26
5:00 (Game 1) Carroll vs. Robert E. Lee
6:30 (Game 2) Barbour County vs. Opelika
8:00 (Game 3) Enterprise vs. Abbeville
9:30 (Game 4) Bullock County vs. Pike County
SATURDAY, DEC. 27
5:00 (Game 5) Randolph Clay vs. Charles Henderson
6:30 (Game 6) McIntosh vs. Robertsdale
8:00 (Game 7) Eufaula vs. Andalusia

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At Andalusia tournament

Elba Tigers win one and lose one

The Elba Tigers competed in the 42nd annual Andalusia Christmas Tournament last weekend at Andalusia High School and posted one win and one loss to place fifth in the seven-team event.

The Tigers tipped off the tourney on Thursday afternoon and dropped into the losers bracket with a hard fought 58-47 loss to the Enterprise Wildcats. The Tigers rallied from a 16-12 first quarter deficit to pull within 27-26 at the half, but the Wildcats extended their lead early in the third quarter and never looked back as they rolled to the 58-47 win.

Richard Cooks scored 13 points to lead Elba, while Enterprise was led by Tony Gray with 22 points and Chris Murray with 10.

The Tigers returned to the court Saturday afternoon and improved their record to 3-4 with a 58-46 win over the Opp Bobcats. Chance Goosby scored 13 points and Gavin Respress added 10 to lead Elba, while Ervin Spears led Opp with 10 points.

Kinston's Erin Shaw named to Super 12

The Dothan Eagle announced its 2008 "Super 12" high school volleyball team last weekend and included on the elite list was Kinston Lady Bulldog Erin Shaw.

Shaw, a junior outside hitter, recorded 228 kills, 194 digs, 38 aces and 27 blocks at the sparked the Lady Bulldogs to an appearance in the State Tournament.

The complete "Super 12" consisted of Kelly Kahumoku, Enterprise; Prey Hannah, Enterprise Prep; Akia Borders, Carroll; Tanesha Jones, Ashford; Lacreasha Fikes, Geneva; Jacie Habron, Cottonwood; Amelia Hughes, G.W. Long; Caitlin Stame, Houston Academy; Breanna Daniels, Arton; Sara Cary, Providence Christian; Katie Dowd, Providence Christian; and Erin Shaw, Kinston.

Kelly Kahumoku, of Enterprise Prep, was named the Player of the Year, while coaches' honors went to Bill Oldfield, of Providence Christian.

Receiving Honorable Mention were Ashli Thomas, Enterprise; Allison Richardson, Eufaula; Leslie Morrow, Ashford; Macy Duncan, Geneva; Tiffany Taylor, Straughn; Kristine Hayes, Cottonwood; Kirstie Ross, G.W. Long; Mary Katherine Smith, Houston Academy; Amy Brown, Providence Christian; Andrea Charlton, Providence Christian; Holli Kilcrease, Kinston; Rebekah Gunn, Enterprise Prep; Sarah Gunn, Enterprise Prep; Lindsay Dasinger, Emmanuel Christian.

State horse owners warned of EEE

Agriculture & Industries Commissioner Ron Sparks announced that over the last four months 10 positive cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and 3 positive cases of West Nile Virus in horses have been found in Alabama. "Heavy rainfall has made us extremely vulnerable to the spread of mosquito-borne viruses and we need to protect our livestock and ourselves," stated Sparks. "I want to encourage horse owners to vaccinate their horses for both EEE and West Nile Virus as soon as possible."

For more information about EEE or WNV, please contact Dr. Tony Frazier at 334-240-7253.



Elba Tiger guard Gavin Respress drives in for a basket in recent high school basketball action. The Tigers upped their record to 3-4 last week with a win over Opp, and will host the Bobcats tonight (Thursday) at the Elba High gym.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

High School BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

Opp at Elba (4:30)
Zion Chapel at New Brockton (4:30)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

Brantley, in Luverne Christmas Tournament
New Brockton at Straughn (4:30)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

Brantley, in Luverne Christmas Tournament

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

Charles Henderson at Enterprise (4:30)

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High School ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

BOYS:

New Brockton cans Kinston 61-55

The New Brockton Gamecocks had to battle for all four quarters last Monday night to defeat the Kinston Bulldogs 61-55, in New Brockton. Shambray Johnson scored 27 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the Gamecocks, while Justin Flowers added 16 points and 14 rebounds.

Elba Tigers tamed by Pike County 46-41

The Elba Tigers watched as Pike County rallied late to claim a 46-41 win, last Monday night in Elba. Jarrod Wilson scored 12 points and Kendrick Jackson added 10 points and pulled down 9 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs.

Brantley slips past Straughn 71-69

The Brantley Bulldogs needed overtime last Tuesday night to claim a wild 71-69 win over the Straughn Tigers, in Brantley. Tory Upshaw scored 23 points and grabbed 22 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs, while Wesley Person hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to send the game into overtime. C.J. Christopher scored 23 points to lead the Tigers.

Kinston outscored by Georgiana 76-54

The Kinston Bulldogs fell behind early and never recovered last Thursday night in a 76-54 loss to the Georgiana Panthers, in opening round action at the Straughn Christmas Shootout. Hunter Anderson scored 15 points to lead the Bulldogs, while LaCory Savage scored 16 points and Victor Marshall added 11 to lead the Panthers.

GIRLS:

New Brockton edges past Kinston 36-33

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks equaled their win total for the past two seasons last Monday night with a 36-33 win over the Kinston Lady Bulldogs. Chelsea Holloway scored 13 points and Whitney Brantley added 11 to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Casey Dean led the Lady Bulldogs with 14 points.

Brantley tripped up by Straughn 41-36

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs fought hard for all four quarters last Tuesday night at home before falling to the Straughn Lady Tigers 41-36. Eisha Person scored 27 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the lady Bulldogs, while Kimberly Teel led the Lady Tigers with 12 points.

BOWL LINE UP

Saturday, Dec. 20

EagleBank Bowl

Navy (8-4) vs. Wake Forest (7-5)
10:00 AM (ESPN)

New Mexico Bowl

Colorado State (6-6) vs. Fresno State (7-5)
1:30 PM (ESPN)

St. Petersburg Bowl

South Florida (7-5) at Memphis (6-6)
3:30 (ESPN 2)

Las Vegas Bowl

BYU (10-2) vs. Arizona (7-5)
7:00 PM (ESPN)

Sunday, Dec. 21

New Orleans Bowl

Troy (8-4) vs. Southern Miss (6-6)
7:00 PM (ESPN 2)

Tuesday, Dec. 23

Poinsettia Bowl

Boise State (12-0) vs. TCU (10-2)
7:00 PM (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 24

Hawaii Bowl

Hawaii (7-6) vs. Notre Dame (7-6)
7:00 PM (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 26

Motor City Bowl

Florida Atlantic (7-5) vs. Central Michigan (8-4)
6:30 PM (ESPN 2)

Saturday, Dec. 27

Meineke Bowl

North Carolina (8-4) vs. West Virginia (8-4)
12:00 PM (ESPN)

Champs Sports Bowl

Florida State (8-4) vs. Wisconsin (7-5)
3:30 PM (ESPN)

Emerald Bowl

California (8-4) vs. Miami (7-5)
7:00 PM (ESPN)

Sunday, Dec. 28

Independence Bowl

Louisiana Tech (7-5) vs. Northern Illinois (7-5)
7:00 PM (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 29

PapaJohns.com Bowl

Rutgers (7-5) vs. North Carolina State (6-6)
2:00 PM (ESPN)

Alamo Bowl

Northwestern (9-3) vs. Missouri (9-4)
7:00 PM (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 30

Humanitarian Bowl

Nevada (7-5) vs. Maryland (7-5)
3:30 PM (ESPN)

Holiday Bowl

Oklahoma State (9-3) vs. Oregon (9-3)
7:00 PM (ESPN)

Texas Bowl

Rice (9-3) vs. Western Michigan (9-3)
7:00 PM (NFLN)

Wednesday, Dec. 31

Armed Forces Bowl

Houston (7-5) vs. Air Force (8-4)
11 AM (ESPN)

Sun Bowl

Oregon State (8-4) vs. Pittsburgh (9-3)
1:00 PM (CBS)

Music City Bowl

Vanderbilt (6-6) vs. Boston College (9-4)
2:30 PM (ESPN)

Insight Bowl

Kansas (7-5) vs. Minnesota (7-5)
4:30 PM (NFLN)

Chick-fil-A Bowl

LSU (7-5) vs. Georgia Tech (9-3)
6:30 PM (ESPN)

Thursday, Jan. 1

Outback Bowl

Iowa (8-4) vs. South Carolina (7-5)
10:00 AM (ESPN)

Capital One Bowl

Georgia (9-3) vs. Michigan State (9-3)
12:00 PM (ABC)

Gator Bowl

Nebraska (8-4) vs. Clemson (7-5)
12:00 PM (CBS)

Rose Bowl

Southern Cal (11-1) vs. Penn State (11-1)
4:00 PM (ABC)

Orange Bowl

Cincinnati (11-2) vs. Virginia Tech (9-4)
7:00 PM (FOX)

Friday, Jan. 2

Cotton Bowl

Texas Tech (11-1) vs. Ole Miss (8-4)
1:00 PM (FOX)

Liberty Bowl

Kentucky (6-6) vs. East Carolina (9-4)
4:00 PM (ESPN)

Sugar Bowl

Alabama (12-1) vs. Utah (12-0)
7:00 PM (FOX)

Saturday, Jan. 3

International Bowl

Connecticut (7-5) vs. Buffalo (8-5)
11:00 AM (ESPN 2)

Monday, Jan. 5

Fiesta Bowl

Texas (11-1) vs. Ohio State (10-2)
7:30 PM (FOX)

Tuesday, Jan. 6

GMAC Bowl

Tulsa (10-3) vs. Ball State (12-1)
7:00 PM (ESPN)

Thursday, Jan. 8

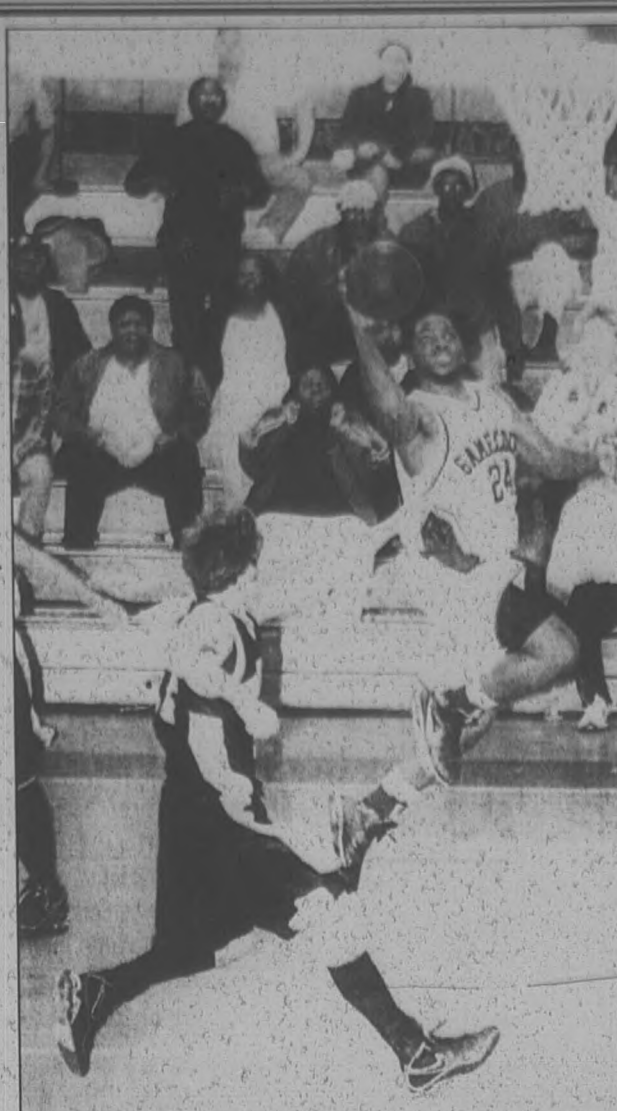
BCS Championship

Florida (12-1) vs. Oklahoma (12-1)
7:00 PM (FOX)

Saturday, Jan. 24

Senior Bowl

South vs. North
6:00 PM (NFLN)



New Brockton's Justin Flowers (24) drives past a defender as he lays in a basket in a recent Gamecock win. The Gamecocks won two games last week at the Straughn Christmas Shootout to up their record to 7-2.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

In Straughn tourney Gamecocks win twice

The New Brockton Gamecocks competed in the 2nd annual Straughn Christmas Shootout last week at Straughn High School and claimed two wins in three games to place fifth in the eight-team event.

The Gamecocks tipped off the tournament against the Red Level Tigers and dropped a 58-45 decision. Shambray Johnson scored 22 points and Justin Flowers added 11 to lead New Brockton, while Cale Nolen scored 19 to lead Red Level and Matthew Bond added 16.

The Gamecocks met the Goshen Eagles in the second day of the tournament and coasted to a 66-52 win. Shambray Johnson scored 26 points and pulled down 14 rebounds to lead New Brockton, while Justin Flowers added 22 points and 15 rebounds and Tevin McNair scored 10 points.

The Gamecocks ran into cross-county rival Kinston on Saturday night in the fifth place contest and survived to edge past the Bulldogs 68-64, in overtime. Shambray Johnson scored 18 points and pulled down 12 rebounds to lead New Brockton, while Tevin McNair added 18 points and pulled down 7 rebounds. A.J. Johnson scored 23 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead Kinston, while Hunter Anderson added 20 points.

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ELBA DIVISION

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PLAINTIFF

VS.

DAVIS R. ROBERTS,

DEFENDANT

CASE NO. DR-2008-

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James M. Counts, Circuit

Coffee County, Alabama

12-11, 18, 26, 2008 & 1-1-09

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE

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CASE NO: PC-2008-086

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the

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GAMMILL, Judge of the

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HAZEL DUKES,

PLAINTIFF,

VS.

J & J ENTERPRISES, LLC

AND

PRESTIGE HOME

PROPERTY

MANAGEMENT, INC.,

DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF

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To: DEFENDANT

J & J Enterprises, LLC:

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Tiger Tales

News from
Elba City Schools

Parents of EHS seniors prepare for college

On Monday, Dec. 8, Lynn Weeks, guidance counselor at Elba High School, conducted a financial aid seminar for the parents of EHS seniors.

Weeks reminded parents that every few weeks for the rest of the school year senior students will receive a newsletter including information about colleges, available scholarships and other issues facing seniors. Also, she encouraged all students to continue to take the ACT to improve scores, thereby improving chances of earning a scholarship to a college.

While colleges and universities have differing requirements for admission and scholarships, Weeks made the point that it is not too late to get some kind of financial aid from a school.

Students interested in taking the ACT in February should sign up by Jan. 6. Registration packets are available in Mrs. Weeks' office, or interested students can register online at www.act.org.

Students and parents were encouraged to research colleges and universities by navigating their websites. They can access most school websites by typing in the school name followed by ".edu" (for



Ray Finedore, father of EHS senior April Finedore, listens intently to the useful information Mrs. Weeks is supplying during the recent financial aid seminar for parents.

education). For example, the website for Troy University is www.troy.edu.

The most important piece of information Weeks passed along was the process for receiving federal financial aid in the form of a grant or a loan. To do that, students should fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). It will be available online on Jan. 1, and all students who plan to attend college should take the time to complete the application. Weeks added that it is a lengthy application, but it is worth it.



EES CANNED FOOD DRIVE. Last month, the students at Elba Elementary School participated in a canned food drive to benefit local charities. Mrs. Knick's fourth-grade class, the winning class in the upper-grade competition, shows off the cans EES students brought in for the food drive. Students pictured from left to right include: Deondre Lockett, Kaitlin Woods, Michaela Meadows, Austin Sean, Mason Adkison, Landon Camley, Grant Akridge, Braxton Robinson, Cedrick Hill, Nicholas Johnson, Quentin Bryan, Keke Jones and Aquana Fleming.

21st Century Learning Center program begins at EES

by Richl Singletary

On Nov. 7, the federally-funded after-school program for students in Kindergarten through 8th grade began at Elba Elementary School.

Teachers and EHS students actively promote learning of all kinds during the 2-hour program each afternoon, and participating students seem to have really enjoyed the activities so far.

The program has been dubbed "Kaleidoscope Kids" since it helps students see new and different things from diverse angles. The goal of the 21st



Kindergarten Liam Stuart concentrates on writing his words just right.

Century Learning Center is to provide an important



Shan Head and Kymbrisa Bimbo play together during the after-school program.



Anyla Reed works hard to make sure her letters look perfect.

connection between the schools, the families, and the community of Elba. Students gain valuable academic and enrichment experiences while attending programs at the center. The center will also offer opportunities for family and community involvement through afternoon and evening programs throughout the year. It will also offer meaningful adult and parental education courses periodically.

Programs at the center provide priceless after-school activities in which students may be involved; they also promote experiences which students may otherwise never encounter.

The 21st Century Learning Center serves students from 3:00-5:15 every day that school is in session. Kaleidoscope Kids will also host a summer camp session, currently planned for the month of June.

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Elba High students participate in Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash

by Kiera Robertson

On Saturday, Nov. 8, the City of Elba hosted its First Annual BBQ Bash and invited the EHS Career/Technology programs to participate in the event.

All six Career/Tech programs seized this opportunity to display and project the scope and range of the programs. Students in each program were on hand to show the skills that they have learned during their scheduled class times.

The AgriConstruction Department/FFA students constructed wooden chairs, stools, trinket boxes, blue bird houses, lathe turnings, as well as metal ornamental lawn structures. The students, under the supervision of Joe Waldorff, constructed these items as part of their lab activities in the AgriConstruction curriculum. FFA President Bradley Wilson led the shop activities with Dylan McCollough, Ashton Davis, Jessie Dodd, Dillon Duncan, Taylor King,

Ruthmary Merklin, Kristina Dorsey, Ashley Burrill, Josh Baldwin actively participating.

The students of Christina Whitlock's Family Career and Consumer Science (FACS) classes sold raffle tickets for a gift basket to which local businesses contributed over \$1,000 of merchandise and gift certificates. Paula Yager of Enterprise won the gift basket.

FCCLA members and officers also hand painted Christmas ornaments for BBQ Bash attendees. While some bought Elba Tiger, Auburn or Alabama ornaments, others bought gifts for family and friends, while still others bought souvenir ornaments for themselves.

FBLA members, with the guidance of Martha Crawford, also displayed some of their projects and set up a display to sell EHS note cards that club members created at school. The group created four different designs, and the club still has sets of 8 cards and envelopes for sale for \$5.

Mike Camley, EHS Co-Op teacher, discussed the success and involvement of his work study students. Phillip Adcock's automotive students displayed an engine that they had

assembled in the Auto-Tech class.

Bruce Sasser's welding students demonstrated different ways to weld and also displayed some of their welding work.

The EHS Career/Tech is involved in an integrated cooperative project in which each department will take part in the building of a Model T custom car that will probably be ready to showcase during the Second Annual Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash.

The students and faculty of the Career/Tech program thank the Chamber of Commerce for giving them the opportunity to be a part of the Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash which allowed them to display their talents and interact with members of the community. EHS students are already looking forward to next year and thinking of new and creative ideas to promote.

Phillip Adcock's automotive students displayed an engine that they had



SCHOOLS

Focus on Faculty

by Tanner and Hannah

The Zion Chapel faculty member being spotlighted this week is Mrs. Crisie Osterhoudt. Her birthday is September 29.

Mrs. Osterhoudt has been teaching for two years. She says, "My favorite part of teaching is helping others understand information in new ways."

Mrs. Osterhoudt has been married for 10 years and has two children, Zachary and Emmali. Her hobbies are running, reading and skiing.

She graduated from South Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte, South Carolina. She attended Anderson College in Anderson, South Carolina.

Her greatest achievement has been the opportunity to lead her son in a prayer of salvation. She is an Auburn fan because she has former students that attend Auburn University.

Her most embarrassing moment is when she realized that the chickens in the



Crisie Osterhoudt
rainforest did not need saving!

She has been involved with the Macedonia Youth Group since 2005, and she will soon be working to get a new organization for young women underway.

When asked what she thinks of Zion Chapel she said, "I think Zion Chapel is a place where students and families have shown considerable support to me and my family! I am grateful for the opportunity to return and teach in this area!"

Sports Editorial: Sugar Bowl

by Logan Leverett and Josh Richards

The 12-1 Alabama Crimson Tide faces off against the 12-0 Utah Utes on Jan. 2, 2009 in the Allstate Sugar Bowl.

The Tide rolls into the Sugar Bowl, having previously been the number one team in the country before losing to the Florida Gators in the SEC Championship. Even after a disappointing loss to a very dominate Florida Gators team, the Tide, led by battle tested Nick Saban, are focused and ready to face off against Utah.

After a 12-0 start, the Tide went into the SEC championship ready to conquer the 11-1 Gators. After an excellent three quarters of football, the Tide's defense finally succumbed to the Gators offensive onslaught.

Now with the game at their back and out of their minds, and a potential BCS

bowl up for grabs, the Tide heads into New Orleans focused on the obstacle ahead.

On a side note, the Zion Chapel Rebel Band will be attending the game and be a part of the musical ensemble. The excitement has increased around campus because of Alabama's forthcoming appearance in the Sugar Bowl.

We were able to catch up with Landan Peters, a junior quad player. When asked about his excitement for the upcoming trip, he responded, "I can hardly contain my excitement as of now."

Landan also felt that this would be an opportune time for the Rebel Band to showcase their award winning talent. He felt that this would be an excellent way for the Band to go out with a bang full of pride and ready for another year of musical domination.

Basic computer course offered at LBWCC - MacArthur campus

LBW Community College - MacArthur Campus in Opp, Ala., will offer a Basic Computer Course each Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. for seven weeks. Classes will be held in the Computer Information Technology Department, Room G-6.

The class will begin Tuesday, Feb. 3, and end Tuesday, March 17. This Basic Computer Course is a beginner course that introduces users to the world of computing and computer applications. There is a cost per participant.

Anyone interested in this course should register by Friday, Jan. 30, in the Student Services Office on the MacArthur Campus. For more information or to register contact Cindy Green at (334) 493-5344 or cgreen@lbwcc.edu.



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Zion Chapel holds Career Fair for juniors and seniors

by Heather Lee

Zion Chapel's Career Fair was held on Tuesday, Nov. 25, for the eleventh and twelfth grade students only.

The purpose of the Career Fair is to allow different people from various areas of the work force to come and explain their career. This enables the students to see these careers, what is required of the career, and what the certain benefits are of each, therefore, helping the students decide if they are or are not interested in a certain occupation.

Zion Chapel hosted six presenters at the Career Fair, all with different areas of work. The six guests each had a station of their own to set up to discuss their career with the students.

Sherry Wilkes from Troy Bank & Trust informed students with information of what working at a bank is like. Also, she explained the requirements and how someone goes about receiving a loan from the bank.

Charlie Phillips from the South Alabama Electric Coop. came to talk to students about a career with their company. She discussed with students how there are more jobs at their

company other than the electrical jobs.

Amanda Paul, a CPA accountant and professor at Troy University, shared with the students the job of a CPA and the big money that comes along with this career.

Chris Winters from Sikorsky Support Services,

ZC Blood Drive goes well

by Logan Leverett and Josh Richards

Zion Chapel held its second annual blood drive on Nov. 21.

The drive's main purpose, other than to raise blood, was a competition between the high school grades. The grade that produced the most blood

received a pizza party, which was the 11th grade. The school produced 68 viable units of blood, which shattered the schoolwide goal of 63.

With the holidays in full swing, the national demand for blood has increased due to holiday traveling. With just Zion Chapel's efforts, the lives of 136 people can be saved.

With the great turnout of givers this December, the school has a tentative plan for another blood drive in the spring. The date of the blood drive in the spring, however, has yet to be set.

The Red Cross and Zion Chapel hope that this spring's efforts will be as generous as this December's blood drive.

Meet the Journalism Staff

by Jennifer Cook and Courtney Rhodes

This week's meet the staff members are Tanner Grant and Marilana Hood.

Tanner Grant is a junior at Zion Chapel. In his spare time, he likes to hunt, fish, work, and workout. He is involved with FFA, and next year he plans on playing football for the Zion Chapel Rebels.

Tanner is working on the Focus on the Faculty article. He says he enjoys being on the journalism staff because he is able to work and communicate with other people.

Marilana Hood is also a junior at Zion Chapel. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her best friends, Alicia and Erika. She is a member of FBLA, FCCLA and the journalism staff.



Marilana Hood

Tanner Grant

staff.

Marilana is currently working on the Zion Chapel vs. Providence Christian Basketball game article. She enjoys being on the journalism staff

because she gets to interview and speak with people around the school.

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